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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: PERON TRIP TO SPAIN SAID TO BE SCHEDULED

REF: BA-0807

1. IN ADDITION TO LOPEZ REGA'S STATEMENTS FROM MADRID END OF LAST WEEK INDICATING PERON INTENDS TO VISIT SPAIN AND POSSIBLY OTHER EUROPEAN CAPITALS DURING NEXT FEW WEEKS, PRO-PERONIST DAILY MAYORIA CARRIES FLAT STATEMENT IN FEB 2 EDITION THAT VACATION TRIP TO MADRID IS SET FOR END OF FEBRUARY.

2. ACCORDING TO MAYORIA, PERON WILL BEGIN VACATION IN SPAIN PROBABLY END OF THIS MONTH. MAYORIA EMPHASIZED THAT VICE-PRESIDENT MARIA ESTELLA DE PERON WILL EXERCISE EXECUTIVE AUTHORITY IN HUSBAND'S ABSENCE. IN FACT, ARTICLE HINTED ONE PURPOSE OF TRIP WAS TO GIVER HER OPPORTUNITY TO DISPLAY HER COMPTETENCE. ARTICLE ALSO EMPHASIZED THAT SINCE PERON'S FUNCTION WAS TO READ, DIALOGUE AND LISTEN RATHER THAN SIMPLY SIGN PAPERS, HIS VACATION WOULD CONSTITUTE IMPORTANT PART OF HIS "FECUND WORK PLAN."

3. COMMENT: MAYORIA ARTICLE SEEMS TO "PROTEST TOO MUCH" RE ROUTINE NATURE OF VACATION. SIMPLE STATEMENT THAT HE TAKING SHORT AND MUCH-DESERVED REST WOULD HAVE BEEN MORE CREDIBLE.

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AS IT IS, ARTICLE WILL PROBABLY ADD TO RATHER THAN DISPEL

RUMORS THAT HE IS GOING TO SPAIN FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT.
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